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REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the continued thorough examination of the present application in the Official Action of November 15, 2005. Applicants also appreciate the Examiner's indication that Claims 1, 6, 9-11, 16-18 and 27 are allowed. In order to place the present application in condition for allowance, rejected Claims 7, 8 and 19-22 have been canceled without prejudice to the filing of a continuing application for these claims. In view of the above, the present application is now in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested.

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